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### 72/274. Scope, modalities, format and organization of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 66/2 of 19 September 2011 containing the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,

*Recalling also* its resolution 68/300 of 10 July 2014, in which it decided to hold a comprehensive review, in 2018, of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,

*Recalling further* resolution 66.10 of 27 May 2013 adopted by the World Health Assembly, in which it endorsed the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013–2020,[1]

*Welcoming* the convening of the World Health Organization Global Conference on Non-communicable Diseases, in Montevideo from 18 to 20 October 2017, and taking note of its outcome document, which highlights non-communicable diseases as a sustainable development priority,

*Recognizing* that through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[2] and its Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, Heads of State and Government made a bold commitment to reduce by one third, by 2030, premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being,

[1] See World Health Organization, document WHA66/2013/REC/1.

[2] Resolution 70/1.



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*Recognizing also* that through the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,[3] Heads of State and Government supported research and development of vaccines and medicines, as well as preventive measures and treatments for communicable and non-communicable diseases, in particular those that disproportionately impact developing countries,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on progress on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,[4]

*Taking note also* of the report of the Director General of the World Health Organization on preparation for the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, to be held in 2018,

*Mindful* of the need to maintain strong national, regional and international political commitment towards the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,

1. *Decides* to hold a one-day high-level meeting to undertake a comprehensive review of the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, to be convened by the President of the General Assembly in New York on the third day of the general debate of the Assembly at its seventy-third session, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., consisting of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment;

2. *Also decides* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be "Scaling up multi-stakeholder and multisectoral responses for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development";

3. *Further decides* that:

(a) The opening segment, to be held from 10 to 11 a.m., will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, a member of the World Health Organization Independent High-level Commission on Non-communicable Diseases, and an eminent champion of the fight against non-communicable diseases, selected, in consultation with Member States, by the President of the General Assembly, giving due consideration to gender equity;

(b) The plenary segment, to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5:30 p.m. will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly; a list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the Assembly and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

4. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the two multi-stakeholder panels will be as follows:

(a) Two consecutive multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary segment, one from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 3 to 5 p.m.;

(b) The multi-stakeholder panels will address two themes:

Panel 1: Strengthening health systems and financing for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, on each country's path towards achieving universal health coverage, including through sharing evidence-based best practices, scientific knowledge and lessons learned;

[3] Resolution 69/313, annex.

[4] A Member State expressed a reservation on document A/72/662.

Panel 2: Opportunities and challenges in engaging Governments, civil society and the private sector at the global, regional and national levels to promote multisectoral partnerships for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and the promotion of healthy lifestyles;

(c) Each of the two multi-stakeholder panels will be co-chaired by two representatives, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with the regional groups;

(d) The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant United Nations entities, civil society, the private sector, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, indigenous leadership and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation;

5. *Also decides* that the closing segment by the President of the General Assembly will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly;

6. *Further decides* that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented outcome document which builds on the opportunities and challenges in the implementation of previous commitments, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly;

7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization, to organize and preside over an interactive hearing, before the end of July 2018, with the active participation of appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local government, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, children and indigenous leadership, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and also requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting;

8. *Encourages* all Member States to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level;

9. *Invites* all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

10. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, as well as the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control on Non-Communicable Diseases, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting, particularly with regard to sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned from responses related to non-communicable diseases;

11. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting;

12. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting;

13. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive hearing and the multi-stakeholder panels, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;[5]

14. *Encourages* Member States to consider including in their national delegations representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, indigenous leadership, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academia, philanthropic foundations and the private sector, with due regard to gender equity;

15. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting.

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[5] The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting Member State will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the general basis of its objections and the Office will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.